REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	02 April 2004
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	1 (very bad real).mpg
Other Known Title(s):	Not Stated
Director(s):	Not Stated
Producer(s):	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Moving Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language(s):	Not Stated

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	1 (very bad real).mpg	Running Time:	1.04
Trailers:	Nil	Running Time:	
		Total Running Time:	1.04

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer moving image file entitled *1 (very bad real).mpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a moving image file containing a brief sexually explicit sequence involving a woman being subjected to sexual conduct that appears to take place against her will. The file is objectionable because it concentrates on images of a woman being subjected to very degrading, dehumanising and demeaning sexual conduct under coercion. The manner in which this material is presented and intended for the sexual arousal of men is particularly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning to the woman involved. There is a strong likelihood of injury to the public good in the association of sexual arousal and degrading and abusive conduct directed at a woman. This is likely to create or support negative male attitudes and behaviour to women.

A classification of "Objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the right to freedom of expression must be weighed against the likelihood of injury to the public good. Given the high extent and degree of the degrading, dehumanising and demeaning presentations in the publication the classification is considered a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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